

**FINDHORN AND KINLOSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Kinloss Church, Kinloss**

**Present:** A Skene (Chair), L Fraser, H Grigor, B James, S Urquhart, D Anderson, M Hyde

**Attendance:** Cllr Alexander, Cllr Creswell and 3 members of the public (Susan Hermiston, M Barber and J Miller)

**Item 1 Apologies:** J O'Hagan, S Dominey, R Douglas (BSO Kinloss Barracks)

1. a A. Skene welcomed everyone.

**Item 2 Public Session:**

2. a A Skene welcomed Greg Paul who gave a short presentation and Q & A session regarding the development of North Whins in Findhorn. Mr Paul advised that he was working in consultation with Duneland so that they could learn from the past and that the development could consist of some bespoke houses, some clusters of affordable houses and some commercial units. Mr Paul also advised that the number of affordable houses could be increased from 30 to 46 houses but using the same build area. These houses could fulfil the needs of the Findhorn Foundation with 61% of them being smaller homes with a sale value of around £70,000 to £100,000 or less than £100 a week to rent. M Hyde asked if these houses would be available to nurses, police and firemen etc. Mr Paul said the planning application had passed the Section 75 agreement conditions and would be open to all and that the allocation policy had been approved by the Scottish Government. There would be a points system as per usual criteria for affordable housing but there would also be an extra box that would allow extra points for people living and/or working in the Park. L Fraser commented that this was biased to people living and working in the Park. A Skene asked if this had been noted in the planning application and Mr Paul said that it had been historically agreed. M Hyde said that there had been no transparency for buying a home within the Park previously. B James asked if there was a possibility of these houses being used as holiday lets. Mr Paul said that Duneland would finalise the allocation and the terms of offers and proposals but that the core ethics of the Findhorn Foundation would be adhered to. A Skene queried the road and parking provision shown on the plan, as there were a few different options for access. Mr Paul reiterated that the Community would have priority. Mr Paul said he was happy to have his contact details circulates to all: [planning@duneland.co.uk](mailto:planning@duneland.co.uk)

**Action: All FKCC members were encouraged to attend the consultation meeting at FVC on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 4.00pm to 7.00pm.**

2. b After declaring an interest, S Urquhart informed the CC about a refurbishment project in Findhorn Church. The building needs the floor, which is riddled with woodworm, to be renewed and the electrics need to be upgraded as they are becoming dangerous. There are also plans to install a more efficient heating system and to fit Velux windows and secondary glazing in the hall. The kitchen also requires to be modernised. S Urquhart explained that the Committee, which included many local people, were about to put in a funding bid to LEADER for match funding of a bequest that the late David Urquhart had left to the Church with this in mind. S Urquhart told the meeting that Findhorn Church is a unique and iconic building in Findhorn and was built in 1843 by local Fishermen and, if it wasn't refurbished, there was a chance that it could be closed. She also said that the building would complement the other halls as it was a different size and had very good acoustics, which could make it a great space for choirs etc. The hope was also that it could provide an office space for charities, provide a digital display showing the local Heritage, have a webcam showing the Bay but, perhaps, most importantly, the building of a Disabled Toilet, that could be accessed via the National Key Scheme as there is no such provision within the village. Although a Church, it could be available the other 6 days for everybody whether of a different faith or none. M Hyde asked if there wouldn't be a conflict with the Heritage Centre. S Urquhart assured her that this would not be the case and that, in fact, T Negus was in the process of providing the digital recording that could be shown all year, even when the Heritage Centre was closed during the winter. S Urquhart also hoped that there could be liaison between all the halls to give everyone the option of the hall that best suited their needs. S Urquhart then asked if the FKCC would write a letter of support for this project and it was unanimously agreed.

**Action: A Skene to write letter of support for the LEADER application.**

2. c Police Input. S Urquhart reported that there were 2 abandoned vehicles and 1 environmental complaint. A Findhorn resident had been charged with having bald tyres as well a homemade fuel tank, which was highly dangerous. Dog fouling was also on the increase with the dark mornings and nights making it harder

to detect. There was also an increase in Vishing (recorded phone messages and phone calls used by scammers claiming to be from HMRC, for example, to obtain bank details etc. from the victim.) The elderly are vulnerable to this form of scam and it should be highlighted never to give any information over the phone.

**2. d** With reference to the proposed Duneland development it was noted that there could be 2 possible access routes. From the north west, it was suggested that it would egress onto the Beach Road and, from the south west, through Cullerne Gardens.

**2. e** M Hyde asked that this report be delivered in the council session rather than the public session. This was agreed.

### **Item 3 Ratification of Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018:**

**3.1** A Skene thanked J O'Hagan for the timely presentation of the minutes. There was a minor correction in item 6.1. H Grigor pointed out the correct title for the 39 Regiment should be 39 REG, (RE) and not 39 ENG Reg. Minutes were ratified - proposed by H Grigor and seconded by B James.

### **Item 4 Matters Arising:**

**4. a (4b)** B James had emailed Seagull Services and they would meet in the New Year.

**4. b (4f)** J O'Hagan, in her absence, had emailed to say that she had been in touch with Cllr Feaver re private road in Southside and said that they would aim to catch up about this when their paths crossed. Also, new project proposals are underway for the community spends as a result of the additional consultations on Southside. She also asked that if R Douglas was at the meeting could she be informed that they had sought legal advice and had done a land search. She also wrote that the road going down to Southside to the mini roundabout does not belong to Southside, it belongs to Moray Council.

**4. c (6.1)** Ruth Douglas has advised us of the Personnel who may be involved with the Resilience Plan. This information would be passed to H Grigor

**4. d (7.1)** All went well at the Remembrance Services. H Grigor said, at Findhorn, the Minister should have faced North so that he could address more people. A Skene thanked H Grigor for sending out letters of appreciation to the key people involved in the organization and delivery. He was also thanked for compiling a Kinloss file for future reference. This has now been logged.

**4. e (7.5)** As previously mentioned, A Skene thanked J O'H for producing the minutes well within the 10-day deadline.

**4. f (8.1)** S Urquhart advised that she was still awaiting a reply from Ch Insp Miller regarding civilian use of speed guns. She also advised that Ken Major said that placing red squirrel signage on the highway was illegal so MC couldn't help. It was suggested that signs could go on private property. S Urquhart had received a reply from Beverly Smith re the tree stump opposite Findhorn Church. As it is a Conservation area, permission would need to be sought from the MC. It was agreed to try to contact the house owner in the first instance.

**Action: SU to email Ch Insp Miller again, enquire if Cullerne Gardens would allow signage on their land as S Urquhart is prepared to do the same on her land. SU to speak with S Russell to obtain the details of the owner 195 Findhorn re tree stump**

**4. g (9.1)** Relevant expenses to be submitted to B James.

**4. h (10.1)** See Item 14

**4. i (13,1)** A Skene advised she had received a response from the FVCC re issues raised. Overflowing bins and number of bins – they have acquired a 3<sup>rd</sup> bin and they are emptied on Mondays and Thursdays. They accept that there is a problem in high season, but MC will not provide the larger wheeled bins. They are looking at how to mitigate the problem for next year through improved signage without spoiling the area. Septic tank issue – MC are responsible for this and it should be emptied every 3 years. FVCC has raised this with MC to highlight that it has been an ongoing problem for several years. They also highlighted the drain cover that was a trip hazard outside the toilet block, but this has now been fixed. Management – they have monitored their first year and will make improvements. They responded to feedback and no longer allow overnight parking in the East carpark. This was well received. They don't need planning permission for the West carpark, although MC will monitor this. It was felt that this was a positive response which allows the FVCC to continue their improvements by repairing the fences and strimming around the posts. They are considering added signage to only allow a 2-night stay. FVCC is also looking to Community Asset Transfer the closed west toilets with a view to installing a chemical toilet emptying carousel. They have no plans to install hookup points. FVCC look

forward to continuing working with FKCC, residents and visitors. B James commented that no Travelers had moved in as feared.

4. j (14.1) Please see item 13 below.

4. k (15.3) Completed.

4. l (15.4) H Grigor attended but advised that it was more for the Health and Police authorities.

**Item 5 Declaration of Interest:** - S Urquhart re Findhorn Church Development. It was agreed that this item should now appear at the start of the Agenda.

**Item 6 Kinloss Barracks Report:**

6.1.R Douglas emailed her report in her absence. She was disappointed to learn that it was once again difficult to hear the Ministers on Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Alexander had specifically raised this with her and she had passed this on but has now been made aware that an external PA system has been used for the past few years. They will look at the options for rectifying this issue for future years in partnership with the other organisers. She also mentioned deployment plans for 2019 and the figures were noted.

**Item 7 Chair's Report:**

7.1 A Skene and L Fraser attended the MAKAR presentation re the North Whins development. They reported that several concerns about types of housing, traffic flow, parking and the environment were raised by people in the Findhorn Foundation.

7.2 A Skene attended the Health and Social Care Integration meeting at Forres Academy on 27/11/18. She reported that there will be no reinvestment in Leancoil Hospital and it will be closed. The staff will be retained in the Forres locality. The Care Team which includes GPs, all nurses, OTs, Physios, will all be based in the Forres Health Centre. There will be 2 nursing home beds at Cathay and stepped up care can be provided in 5 of the Varis Court flats. The policy direction is to look after people in their homes.

7.3 A Skene advised the meeting that Jonathan Caddy offered to give a presentation to FKCC about the Findhorn Hinterland Trust Management Plan. It was agreed to invite him in the new year.

7.4 A Skene reminded Councilors that there would be an update meeting on the dualling of the A96 in Forres Town Hall on 7 December at 12-7pm. The final route decision would be issued on 4 December. She also advised that FVCC provided responses to issues raised at the FKCC October meeting. These are detailed above in item 4. i.

**Item 8 Secretary's Report:**

8.1 S Urquhart advised that she had emailed Susan Lewis re the steps.

8.2 She also advised that she had emailed PC Lesley Morrison re speed traps in the village but was still awaiting a reply.

8.3 She had also written to Mr and Mrs Cuneo re putting a sign, to direct the traffic to the beach carpark past RFYC, on their wall.

**Item 9 Treasurer's Report:**

9.1 B James advised that there had been no movement of funds since the last meeting. The account balance stands at £2,752.80

**Item 10 JCCM Report:**

10.1 A Skene advised that she and D Anderson attended the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Roddy Burns, Chief Executive, presented an overview of the Moray Council Budget and short-term programs for financial planning. The budget pressure points include a growing elderly population with a greater range of medical conditions and that Care packages need to be designed to keep people at home as this is better for the individual and cheaper. There is also a rise in the number of children with disabilities and it is expensive to provide care and education. Also, children are at school for longer, generally from age 2 to 18, which is costly. The short-term plan 2019-2021 identified a £12m gap and only £6.5m savings have been found. There is optimism that the Scottish Government will give Moray a good settlement in December. Services require to be transformed, income maximized and up to 500 jobs could be

affected. Due to redundancies being expensive, redeployment of staff will be encouraged. The positives for Moray are a growth in housing, business investment and population growth.

**10.2** Clash Gour Community Ownership - Graham Hilditch talked about the possibility of community ownership of wind turbines. There is an opportunity for Community Councils to invest in the completed project. It was agreed to invite G Hilditch to a future meeting to talk about the opportunity and answer questions.

**10.3** Date of next meeting 14/02/19

**ACTION: AS to contact Jane Martin about G Hilditch invitation.**

#### **Item 11 Moray Councillor's Report:**

**11.1** Cllr Alexander suggested that the Beatrice Fund could be an option for the Findhorn Church Development. He also asked S Urquhart if the Church had thought of removing the pews. She said they were going to keep the pews but that they would be moveable. He also said the MC's budget was still very tight, but we were living in interesting times. Education was discussed, and Cllr Alexander commented on school capacity issues and staffing imbalances. He also mentioned that a new Head Teacher, Rachel Walford, would be starting at Kinloss in January.

**11.2** Cllr Creswell had been to see and was impressed by the new housing at Linkwood, which had been designed to accommodate families with disabilities. She also mentioned that Covenant money was available to support the Force's children between 3 and 18 years of age. Cllr Creswell also mentioned that she had visited Aberdeen Women's Alliance and they would like to have a base in Moray too.

#### **Item 12 Findhorn Park Eco-village Report:**

**12.1** There was nothing to report as there was no representative at the meeting.

#### **Item 13 Wildfowling Negotiation**

**13.1** A Skene advised that there was no agreement or progress from the last meeting that she and S Dominey had attended and that the same arguments were still being presented from all parties. She also said that nothing other than the agreed Statement from the mediation could be discussed, and currently that had still to be released. H Grigor felt that this was wrong and that FKCC should be informed of what was said. The feeling was that legislation would be required but costs could be prohibitive - up to £230,000 if there was a public enquiry. A Skene said that the problems need to be resolved as the Bay is a community asset and should be enjoyed by everyone. M Hyde said that anti-wildfowling were causing obstructions and that they were using the viewing pavilion, which was built to allow locals and visitors to view the bay, as an observation post. H Grigor asked if the FKCC have a statutory right to be at the meetings. A Skene will ask J Martin. M Hyde said the P Carol had drawn up a draft bye-law 5 years ago but MC couldn't afford to implement it, even then.

**Action: A Skene to ask J Martin about FKCC statutory rights**

#### **Item 14 Planning:**

**14.1** M Hyde advised that there were no new planning applications in the FKCC area.

#### **Item 15 AOCB:**

**15. a** Streamlining Resilience Plan Workgroup update. D Anderson and H Grigor had a productive meeting with Donna Maclean and Carmen Ghillies. D Anderson and H Grigor will work on the plan and pass it on to Sue Dominey so she can amend it for the Findhorn Foundation. Once a representative is appointed for Kinloss, it will be passed on to them to do likewise.

**15.1** A discussion was held regarding the lodges on Findhorn Sands Caravan Park. It appeared there was an issue re the building warrant.

**15.2** L Fraser said the Sandpiper Trust, which trains the public in the use of defibrillators, was desperate for volunteers.

**15.3** It was thought that for us to work with and understand the Findhorn Foundation better, it would be good to subscribe to the weekly newsletter, Rainbow Bridge.

**Action; SU to follow up.**

**15.4** BJ mentioned that the lid had come off one of the dog poo bins.

**Action: BJ to contact MC**

**15.5** Susan Hermiston, who had attended 2 meetings, expressed an interest in joining the FKCC. B James nominated her and H Grigor seconded this. There was unanimous approval.

**Item 16 Forthcoming Community Events:**

**16.1** Universal Hall promotions will show 14 films between now and March at weekends.

**16.2** JMI Bell Ringing and Singing. Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 2.00pm until 5.00pm.

**16.2** Crown and Anchor Quiz Night Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm. Proceeds to Royal British Legion.

**16.3** FVC Christmas Bazaar Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm until 5.00pm.

**Item 17 Date of Next Meeting: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 in the JMI, Findhorn**

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